

## MEMORANDUM

To: Dan Niziolek, Chair  
Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee

FROM: Jan Hrnecir  
Chief Council Committee Coordinator

DATE: December 12, 2003

SUBJECT: 2004 Legislative Agenda

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee, at their meeting held December 9, 2003, had under consideration the 2004 Legislative Agenda. The Committee approved a motion to refer the portion of this agenda relating to *Public Safety*, as shown on the attachment, to the Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee for consideration.

It is requested that the PS&RS Committee consider recommendations to this portion of the Legislative Agenda and refer it back to the IGR Committee before its meeting on January 13, 2004.

Cc: Scott Benson  
Bill Barnhart

## Public Safety

Public safety concerns are issues that the City of Minneapolis takes seriously. Providing public safety to residents is one of the highest responsibilities of government.

Priority Issues for Minneapolis are:

- Sustaining the City's authority to establish and operate an administrative process to address violations of municipal ordinances.
- Restore funding for the CriMNet statewide information system.
- Restoring funding and expand representation for the State Gang Strike Force.
- Making possession of any amount of marijuana with intent to sell a misdemeanor.

Minneapolis Supports:

- Including "palm" and "writer's edge of hand" prints to be taken of juveniles in custody.
- Chronic Offenders/Enhancement of Crimes:
  - Changes to the criminal code to address chronic offenders in the areas of indecent exposure and interference with privacy.
  - Adding murder in the first, second and third degree along with manslaughter in the first and second degree to the list of qualified domestic violence related offenses.
  - Streamlining of the statutes used to more effectively prosecute prostitution-related offenses.
  - Legislation that makes it a crime to drive while under the influence of any drug that makes a person an unsafe driver.
  - Legislation that includes metabolites and derivatives in Minnesota's "per se" controlled substance law.
- Increasing the 911-surcharge to provide adequate funding to all public safety answering points in Minnesota.
- Amendments to the data practices act to allow for more sharing of mental health data.
- Local authority for the use of "photo cops" to monitor and cite red light traffic offenses.
- Legislation requiring certain multi-line phone systems and operators to provide more precise caller information to 911 centers.
- Amendments to the Personal Protection Act to allow municipalities to post signs prohibiting handguns in the same manner businesses are currently allowed.